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Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council



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BP CHERRY POINT COGENERATION PROJECT

NOTICE OF NEW DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT: NOVEMBER 3, 2003

Dear Interested Person:

On September 5, 2003, The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) and Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) jointly issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project, a 720-Megawatt gasfired combined cycle cogeneration facility in Whatcom County, Washington, and associated interconnection into the regional power transmission grid. The analysis in the DEIS was undertaken to meet the direction of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for state and private lands, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other relevant federal laws and regulations for Federal permits and approvals.

This notice is to advise you that the deadline for submitting comments on the DEIS has been extended through November 3, 2003.

The DEIS is available to interested persons free of charge. Copies may be requested by contacting the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, at (360) 956-2121, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172. The DEIS is also available in electronic format on the internet at www.efsec.wa.gov.

The public and other reviewers can provide comments regarding the DEIS to EFSEC or Bonneville. The comment period for the DEIS closes on November 3, 2003. Please send your comments to either:

Allen Fiksdal, Manager Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council P.O. Box 43172 Olympia, WA 98504-3172 BP Cherry Point Project Comments BPA Communications Office KC-7 P.O. Box 14428 Portland, OR 97293-4428 Comments should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the DEIS or the merits of alternatives discussed, or both. Commentors are encouraged to supply relevant additional information, respond to the methodologies and processes identified in the DEIS, and/or respond to the mitigation measures identified. Comments on this document must be postmarked by November 3, 2003.

Bonneville and EFSEC will review and respond to all comments and intend to publish a Final EIS during the winter of 2003. Please note that comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection.

For further information regarding this proposal, you may also contact Irina Makarow at (360) 956-2047or Tom McKinney at (503) 230-4749. You may access the Draft EIS and find more information about the project and the responsible agencies on the Bonneville web site at www.efw.bpa.gov and the EFSEC web site at www.efsec.wa.gov. Copies of the BP Cherry Point Application for Site Certification, EFSEC No. 2002-01 and this Draft EIS are also available for public review at the following locations:

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Joel M. Pritchard Library
Point Plaza East
6880 Capitol Blvd
Tumwater, WA, 98504-2460
(360) 704-5200

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council 925 Plum Street SE, Building 4 Olympia, WA, 98504-3172 (360) 956-2121 Whatcom County Library 610 Third Street Blaine, WA 98230

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